

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method of delivering a medicament comprising the steps of:

providing a pullulan free edible film composition which comprises an effective amount of at least one medicament in the film composition to an individual, wherein the film composition further comprises:

an effective amount of at least two film forming agents comprising cellulose and starch;

an effective amount of at least one bulk filler agent; and

an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent;

forming with the agents a stand alone edible film composition having film properties substantially similar to a pullulan-based film; and

orally consuming the stand alone edible film composition by the individual to release the medicament into the oral cavity wherein the edible film dissolves quickly in the oral cavity of the user.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The method of Claim 16, wherein the medicament is a member selected from the group consisting of a pH control agent, an oral care agent, a breath freshening agent, a pharmaceutical agent, a nutraceutical agent, a salivary stimulant agent, a vitamin, a mineral, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The method of Claim 16, wherein the method further includes the step of incorporating an effective amount of at least one thickening agent into the film composition.

Claim 19. (currently amended): A method of treating halitosis comprising the steps of:

providing a pullulan free edible film composition which comprises an effective amount of at least one breath freshening agent to an individual, wherein the film composition further comprises:

an effective amount of at least two film forming agents comprising cellulose and starch;

an effective amount of at least one bulk filler agent; and

an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent;

forming with the agents a stand alone edible film composition having film properties substantially similar to a pullulan-based film; and

orally consuming the stand alone edible film composition by the individual to release the breath freshening agent into the oral cavity to treat halitosis wherein the edible film dissolves quickly in the oral cavity of the user.

Claims 20-24 (canceled)

Claim 25. (currently amended): A pullulan free edible film composition comprising:
an effective amount of at least two film forming agents comprising cellulose and starch;
an effective amount of at least one bulk filling agent; and
an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent, the agents forming a stand alone edible film having film properties substantially similar to a pullulan-based edible film, wherein the stand alone edible film dissolves quickly in the mouth of the user.

Claim 26. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the cellulose comprises from approximately about 10% to about 90% dry weight of the composition.

Claim 27. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the cellulose is selected from the group consisting of cellulose ethers, methylcellulose, ethylcellulose, hydroxymethylcellulose, hydroxypropylmethylcellulose, microcrystalline cellulose and carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 28. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the starch comprises from approximately about 10% to about 90% dry of the composition.

Claim 29. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the starch is selected from the group consisting of acid-thinned, substituted, oxidized, and hydrolyzed starches.

Claim 30. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 28, wherein the starch is maltodextrin.

Claim 31. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the bulk filling agent comprises from approximately about 10% to about 90% dry weight of the composition.

Claim 32. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the bulk filling agent is selected from the group consisting of magnesium carbonate, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate, calcium sulphate, magnesium silicate, aluminum silicate, ground limestone, clay, talc, titanium dioxide, microcrystalline cellulose, cellulose polymers, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 33. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the plasticizing agent comprises less than 20% by dry weight of the composition.

Claim 34. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the plasticizing agent is selected from the group consisting of glycerin, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyols, hydrogenated starch hydrolysates, corn syrup, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 35. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the composition comprises a hydrocolloid.

Claim 36. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 35, wherein the hydrocolloid is selected from the group consisting of guar gum, locust bean gum, carrageenan, konjac, and alginate.

Claim 37. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an effective amount of at least one medicament.

Claim 38. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 37, wherein the medicament is selected from the group consisting of a pH control agent, an oral care agent, a breath freshening agent, a pharmaceutical agent, a nutraceutical agent, a salivary stimulant agent, a vitamin, a mineral, derivatives thereof and combinations thereof.

Claim 39. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 25, further comprising an acid.

Claim 40. (previously presented): The composition of Claim 39, wherein the acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, lactic, malic, ascorbic, succinic, adipic, fumaric, and tartaric acid.

Claim 41. (currently amended): A method of making a pullulan free edible film composition comprising the steps of:

- providing at least two film forming agents comprising cellulose and starch;
- providing an effective amount of at least one bulk filling agent;
- providing an effective amount of at least one plasticizing agent; and
- combining the film forming agent, bulk filling agent, and plasticizing agent to produce a stand alone edible film having film properties substantially similar to a pullulan-based film that quickly dissolves in the mouth of the user.

Claim 42. (previously presented): The method of Claim 41, wherein the method further includes the step of incorporating an effective amount of at least one thickening agent into the film composition.

Claim 43. (previously presented): The method of Claim 41, wherein the method further includes the step of incorporating an effective amount of food grade acid.

Claim 44. (new) The composition of claim 25 wherein the pullulan free edible film further comprises an effective amount of a thickening agent.

Claim 45. (new) The composition of claim 44 wherein the thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of cellulose ethers and hydroxyethyl cellulose.

Claim 46. (new) The composition of claim 25 wherein the properties are selected from the group consisting of flexibility, non-hygroscopicity, mouthfeel, dissolution rate and combinations thereof.